

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 219

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hazel-Mae Hopson on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Hazel-Mae Hopson celebrated her 100th birthday on January 19, 2023, a milestone commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hopson grew up in a log cabin, lit by an oil lamp, in rural Washington County, where she lived with her mother and dog after her father passed when she was four, and she only received formal education until the fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, blazing a trail through the world, she worked at restaurants and laundry houses, and she also painted dishes and tea cups, a task she did particularly well; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hopson married her first husband in Spartanburg, South Carolina; she moved frequently, at one point living in Canton, Ohio, while her husband worked in the brickyards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hopson, while having no children of her own, opened her home as a temporary foster parent to those children in need of love and support; and

WHEREAS, a resident at the Center on Aging and Health in Erwin for three years, Ms. Hopson celebrated her momentous occasion with her sister-in-law, Ollie Ledford, and other residents of the nursing home; and

WHEREAS, she credits her longevity to God's constant care, and she has had a time-tested relationship with her creator over her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, as she enters her eleventh decade, Ms. Hopson is still a positive force for good, admired for her wisdom, spirit of generosity, integrity, and enthusiasm for life; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Hazel-Mae Hopson on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.